

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, July 13, 2000

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 13, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

## PRAYER

The Reverend Father Peter M. Colapietro, Holy Cross Church, New York, New York, offered the following prayer:

Blessed are You, Lord God, Creator of all that was. Through You we live and move and have our being. All that we are and all that we will ever be as a Nation comes from Your goodness.

You have given this body the task of serving this Nation through justice and good law.

Let the light of Your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of all those gathered here and may that same light shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government.

May they all seek to preserve peace, promote world and national happiness and continue to bring us the blessings of liberty and equality.

We ask for this through Your Holy Name. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FILNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## FATHER PETER COLAPIETRO

(Mr. SWEENEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome Father Peter Colapietro, Pastor of the Holy Cross Church located in New York City's Hell's Kitchen.

Mr. Speaker, Father Peter has participated in a number of capacities, including having been with Holy Cross Church for the past 8 years.

Father Peter Colapietro is a very accomplished man, and I would like to just highlight a few of those accomplishments for Members of the House.

In 1992, he was appointed as member of the Mayor Citizens' Committee for Midtown. He has served in several capacities as chaplain in New York City departments and continues to serve a wide variety of our citizens, including serving as chaplain these days in the Department of Sanitation.

In addition, Father Colapietro was the president of the Washingtonville Neighborhood Association, chairman and cofounder of the Washingtonville Housing Partners, Incorporated, and a board member of both the Narcotics Guidance Council and Larchmont Maroneck Student Aid Fund.

Father Peter is a friend, a fellow New Yorker, a priest of the street, a priest of the people and comfortable in any situation, as we can tell today. It has been a pleasure to have him here, and I welcome his participation today.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain other 1-minute requests at the conclusion of business today.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and that I may include tabular and extraneous material on H.R. 4811.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

## FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 546 and rule

XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4811.

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## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4811) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Wednesday, July 12, 2000, the amendment by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) had been disposed of, and the bill was open for amendment from page 13, line 10, through page 13, line 15.

Are there further amendments to this portion of the bill?

If not, the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

## TRANSITION INITIATIVES

For necessary expenses for international disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance pursuant to section 491 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended, to support transition to democracy and to long-term development of countries in crisis: *Provided*, That such support may include assistance to develop, strengthen, or preserve democratic institutions and processes, revitalize basic infrastructure, and foster the peaceful resolution of conflict: *Provided further*, That the United States Agency for International Development shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations at least 5 days prior to beginning a program of assistance.

## MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans and loan guarantees, \$1,500,000, as authorized by section 108 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961: *Provided*, That such costs shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That guarantees of loans made under this heading in support of microenterprise activities may guarantee up to 70 percent of the principal amount of any such loans notwithstanding section 108 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out programs under this heading, \$500,000, all of which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for Operating Expenses of the Agency for International Development: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading shall remain available until September 30, 2002.

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